# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3588
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SUGGESTION OF NIEPA
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware of the suggestion given to the Delhi High Court in November 2004 by the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) with regard to not failing any student till class tenth;

(b) if so,the details thereof;and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the details of action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) : The Government is aware that National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration(NIEPA),now National University of Educational Planning and Administration(NUEPA), had filed on 29.10.2004 an affidavit with the Delhi High Court in the matter of Shri Rakesh Goyal and Others Vs. Montfort School and Others L.P.A Petition (Civil) No. 196/2004.The relevant portion of the affidavit is as under :-

"xxxx at that tender age, the children should not be subjected to a rat-race and such a competitive process can be avoided only by ensuring that no student is ever failed in any class up to and inclusive of the 10th xxxxx".

(c): The Government have noted the above suggestions for reforms in the examination system.Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has advocated Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) techniques that give enough room for learner's pace of learning,elimination of pass-fail up to class V and extension of the same to classes VI-VIII in phases.Moreover,National Curriculum Framework,2005 has recommended elimination of pass-fail terminology and indicate lack of adequate proficiency through 're-examination' or re-appear or re-take terminology.NCERT has raised the matter with State Educational Boards in their Conferences at the national and regional levels.